



September 25, 2012

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street Southwest  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Ex parte notice regarding the Better Broadband, Better Lifeline Application for the FCC's Lifeline Pilot Program, WC Docket NO. 11-42.

Dear Secretary Dortch,

This letter is to notify you of discussions that occurred on September 21, 2012 with representatives from the Federal Communications Commission, including Kim Scardino and Garnet Hanly. Other parties present for the discussion included representatives from the Partnership for a Connected Illinois, Connected Living, Citizens Utility Board, Adams Telephone Cooperative, Cass Telephone Company, Harrisonville Telephone Company, Madison Telephone Company, Mid Century Telephone Cooperative, Shawnee Telephone Company, and Wabash Telephone Cooperative.

The discussion centered on the proposed amount of monthly broadband subsidies and non-recurring fees listed in our joint application to the aforementioned docket. Resulting supplemental materials will be filed later this week.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, this letter is being filed electronically.

Sincerely,

Drew Clark  
Executive Director  
Partnership for a Connected Illinois

cc: Kim Scardino, Garnet Hanly